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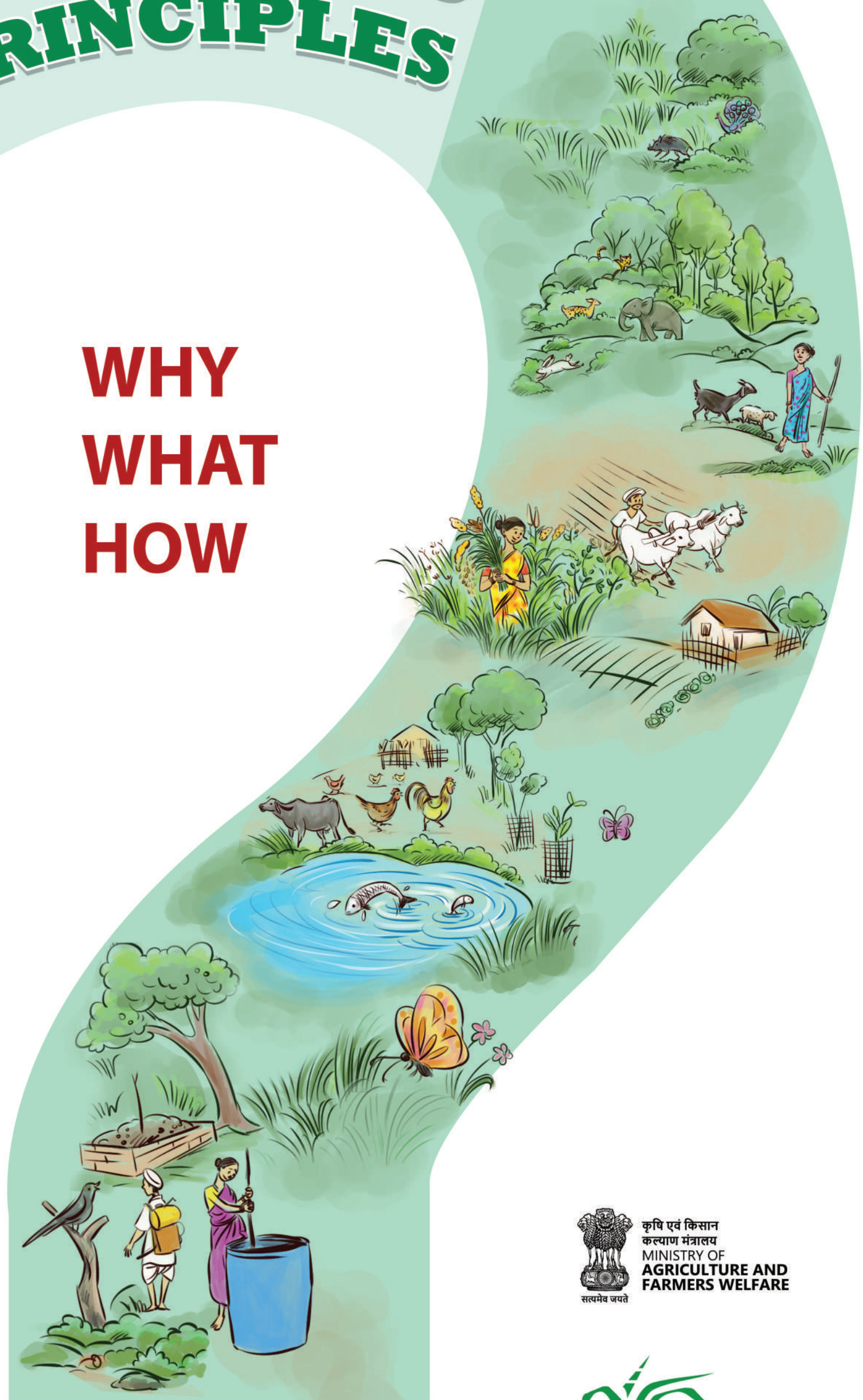
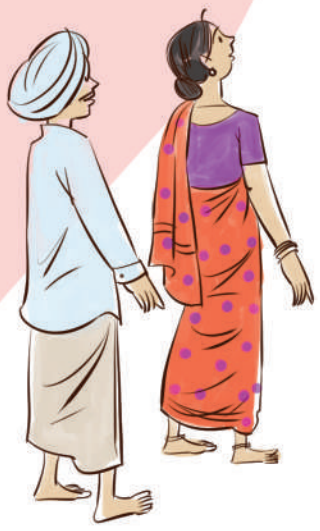
WHAT
HOW





Awareness Generation Material on Natural Farming

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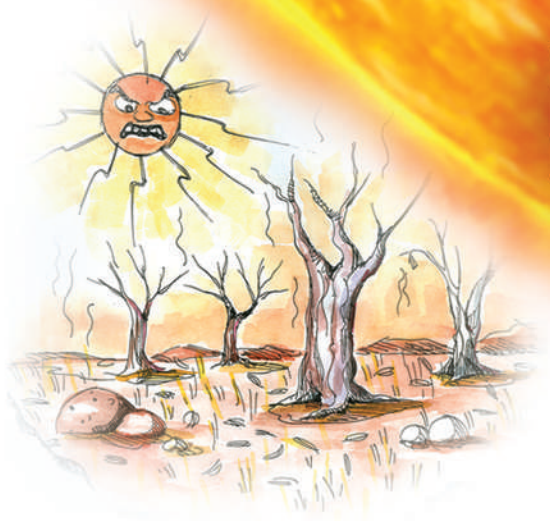
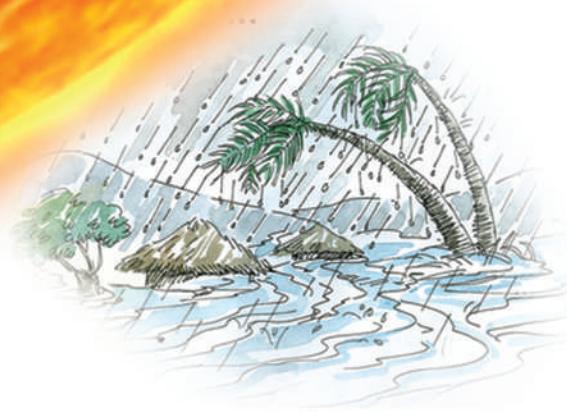
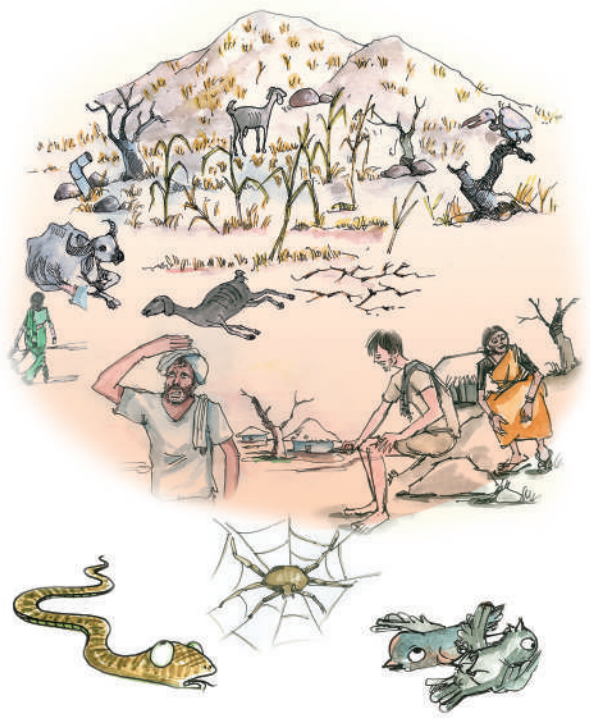
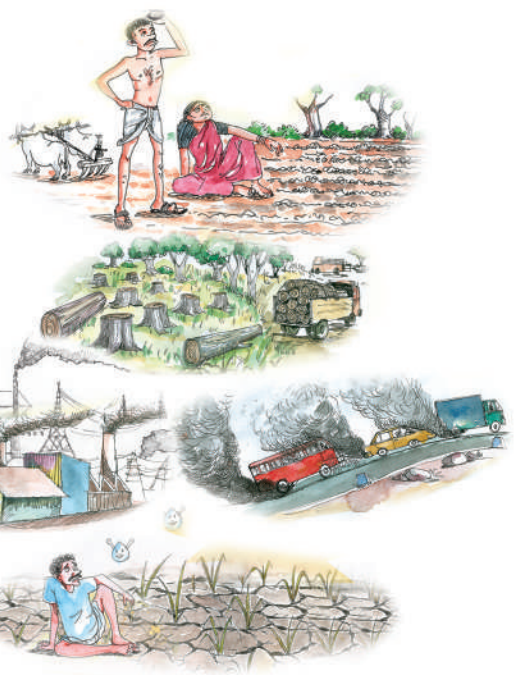
Have you observed?









Environment is Degrading

Risk becoming Unbearable!

Everything has become Poisonous !

Costs increasing but pests & diseases are not controlled

Ill effects on humans (Cancer strains)

Reduced incomes and increased risks like a see-saw game!

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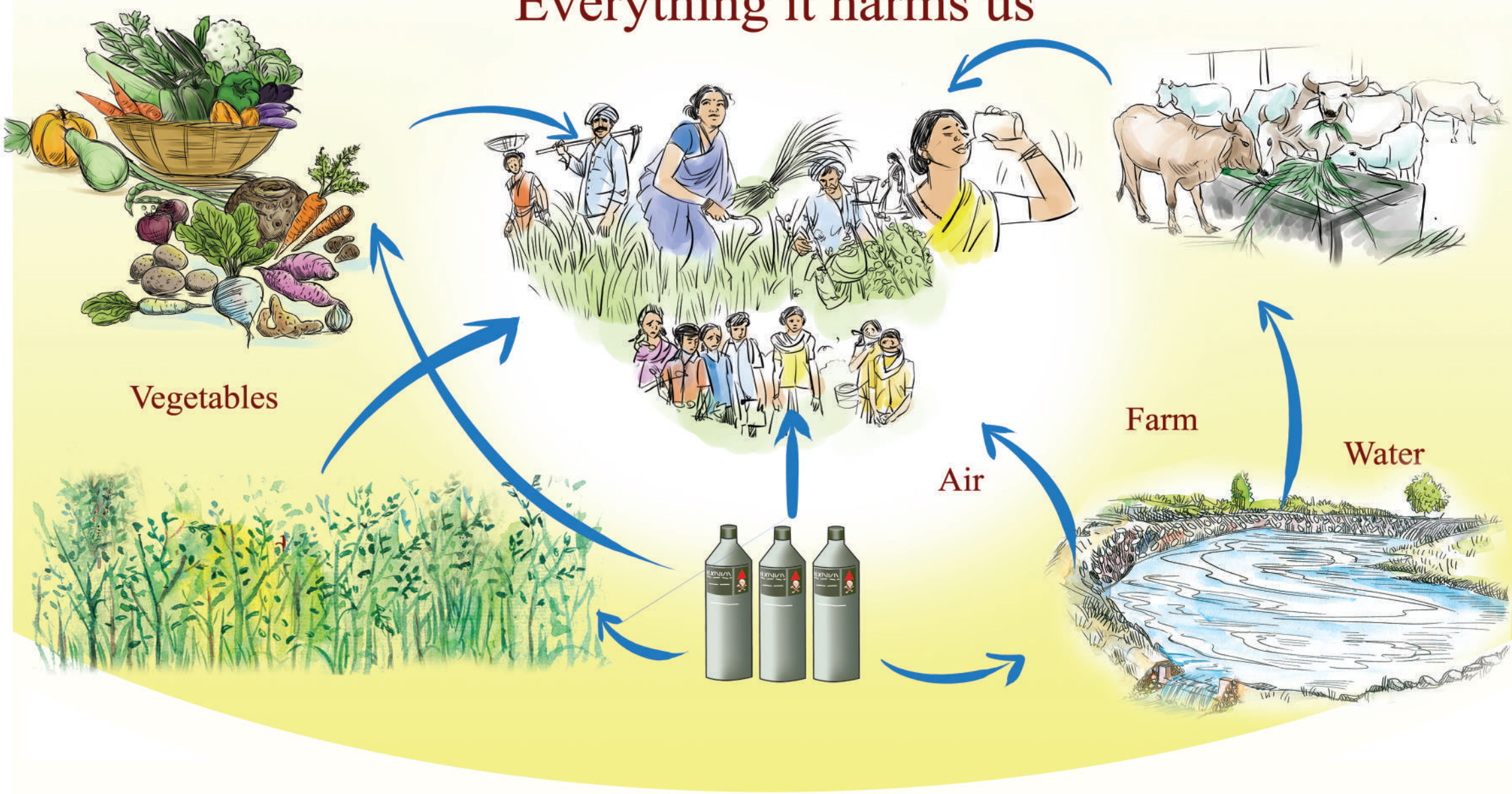
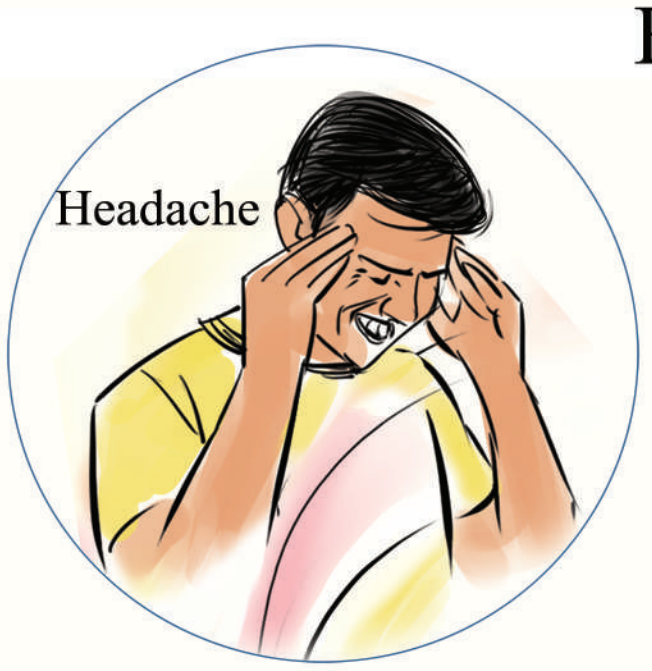
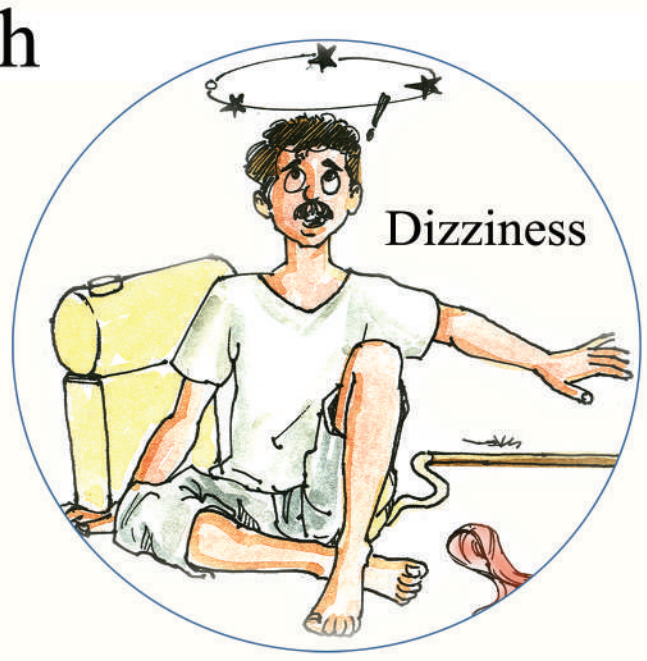
Effects of Pesticides

It is a Poisonous Trap
Everything it harms us



Effects on Human Health





… Several such negative effects on humans (short term & long term)

Effects on Environment

Threatening Living System

Immunity booster for Pests?

Some become pesticide resistant …

Chance for some more new Pests

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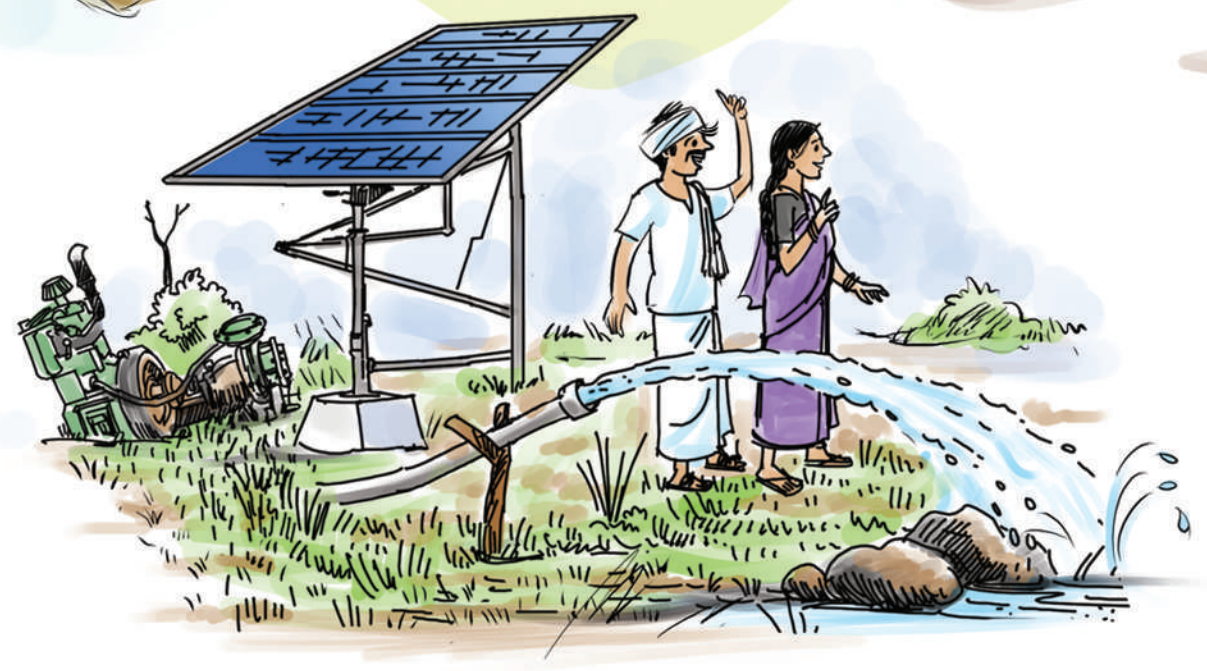
LET US FILL LIFE ...

In our Soils, in our own Lives and our Environment



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Key Principles of Natural Farming

Possible only with Farmers' Collectives

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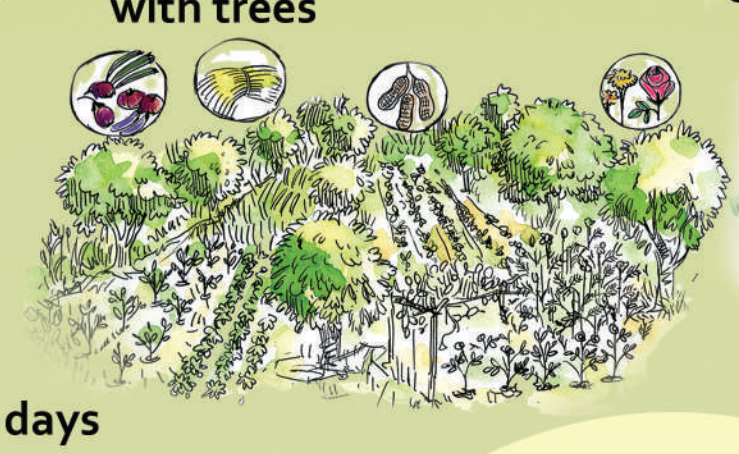
Diverse cropping system with trees



3
Minimal disturbance of soil

1
Crops/ organic soil cover – 365 days

4
Integration of animals

9
Pest management through Botanical extracts

5
Bio inputs as necessary catalysts

8
No Synthetic Fertilizers, Pesticides, Herbicides

6
Increase organic matter in the soil

7
Use locally adopted seeds

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Components of Natural Farming

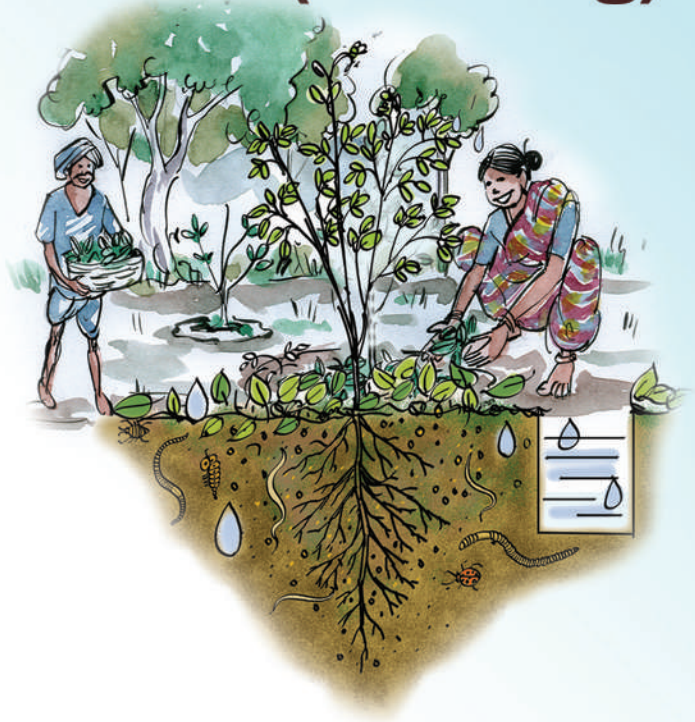
Seed treatment

Using Local seeds and treating the seeds with Beejamrith

Soil Nutrient Enhancement

Using Farm inputs like Jeevamrit
Enhancing nutrient availability to plants

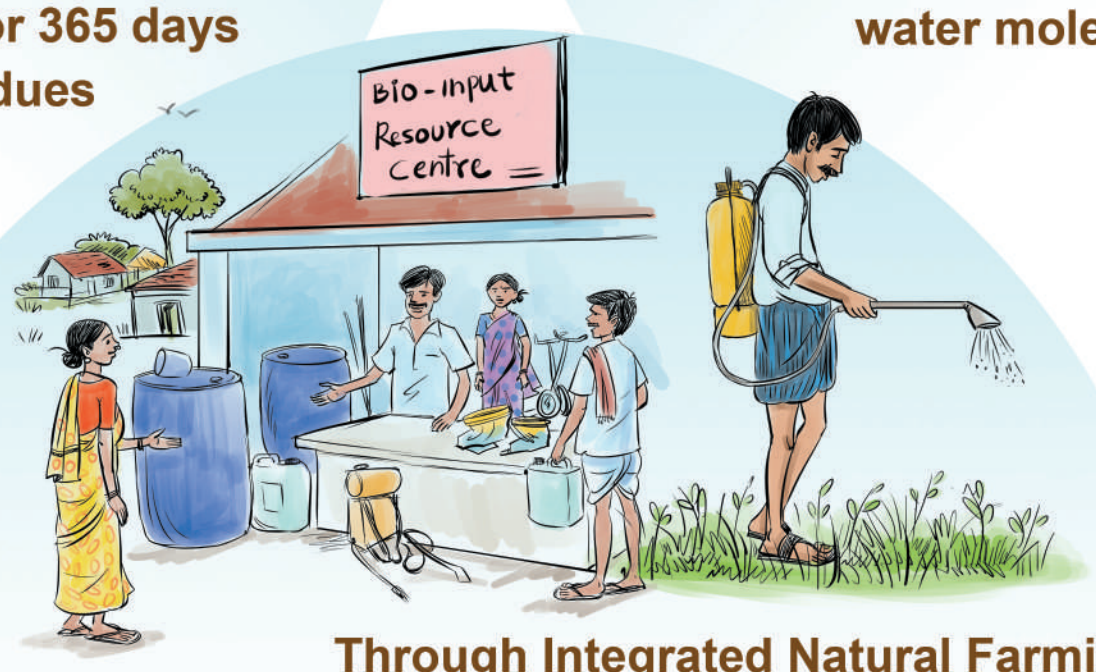
Soil Cover (Mulching)



Managing the soil cover for 365 days with live crop or crop residues

Soil Porosity

Ensuring both air and water molecules in soil cavities



Plant Protection

Through Integrated Natural Farming Practices - Diverse crops and Need based inputs

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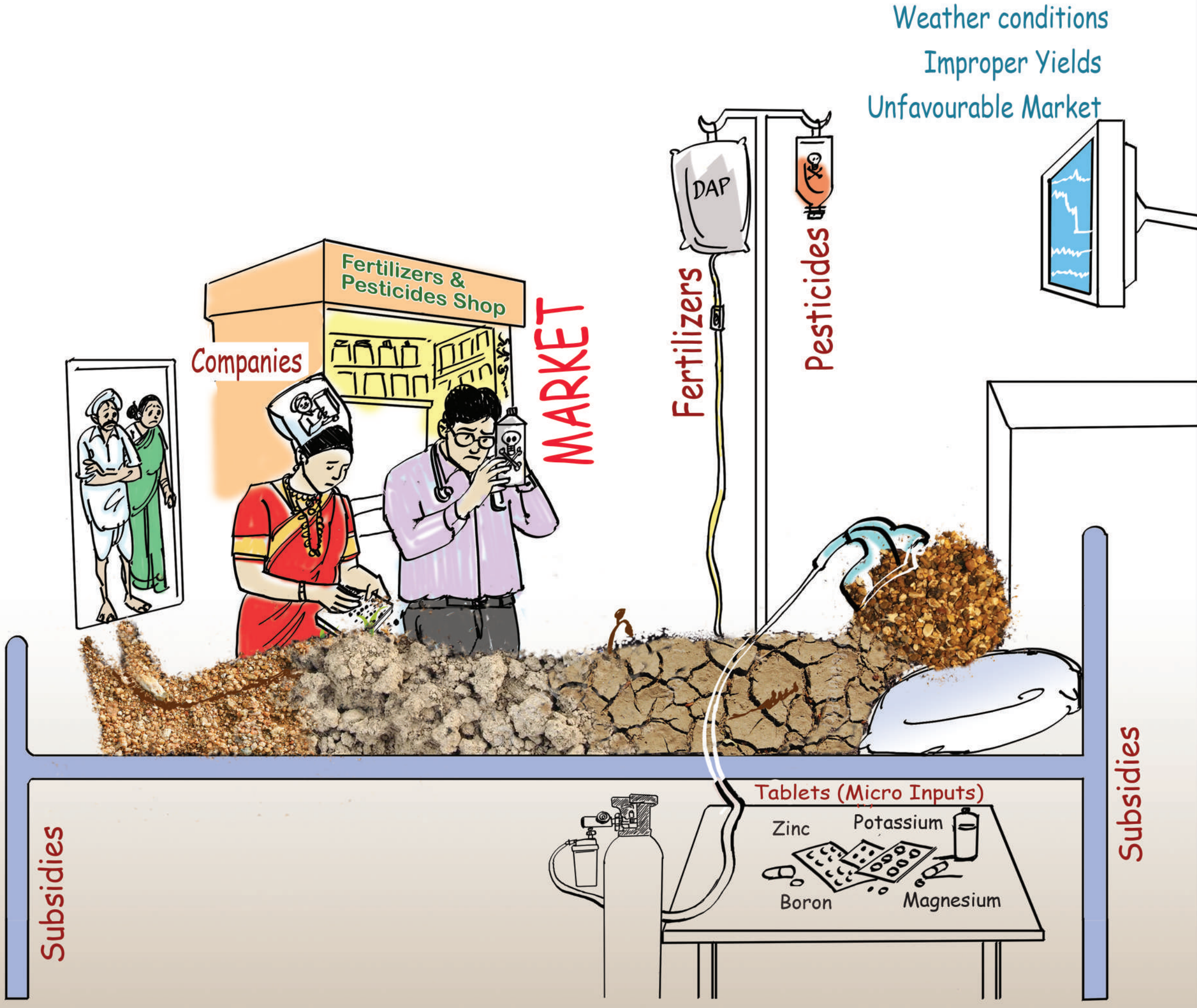
Our Soils are in ICU

Can we remain passive observers?



How long we sustain them artificially?

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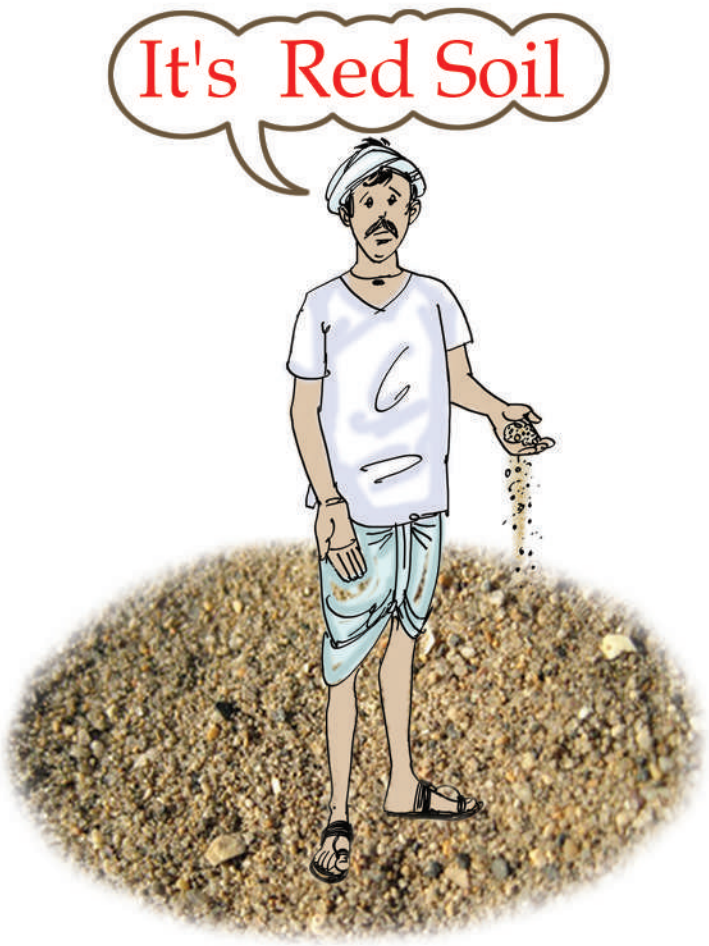
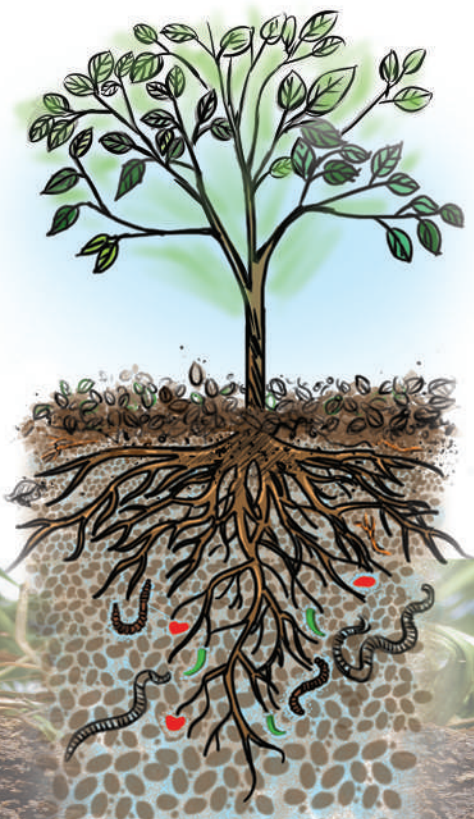
How about your Soil...?



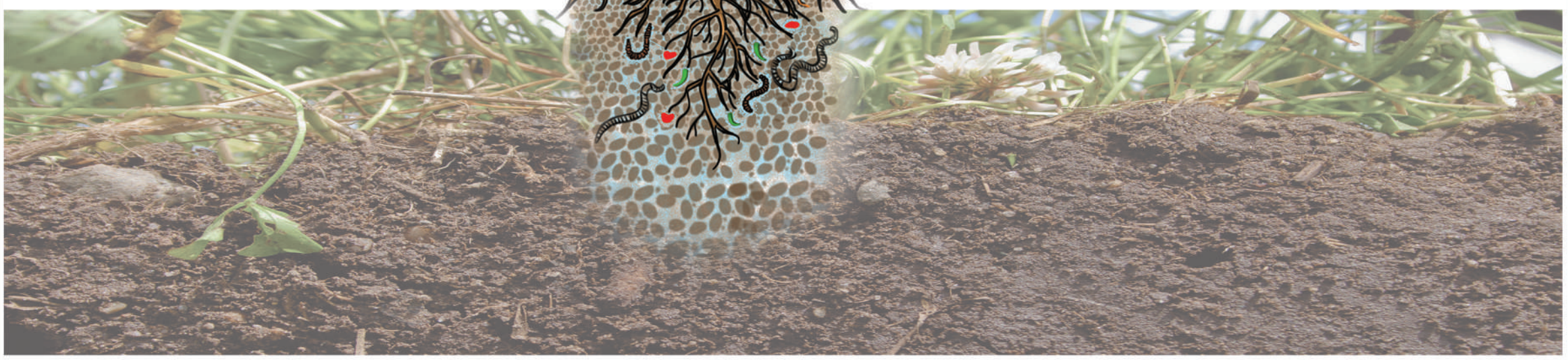
Whatever type of soil it may be...

It should have Water holding capacity and improved biological activity

It should contain...
Organic matter
Green cover



it should have...
Mositure retention capacity
Water holding capacity



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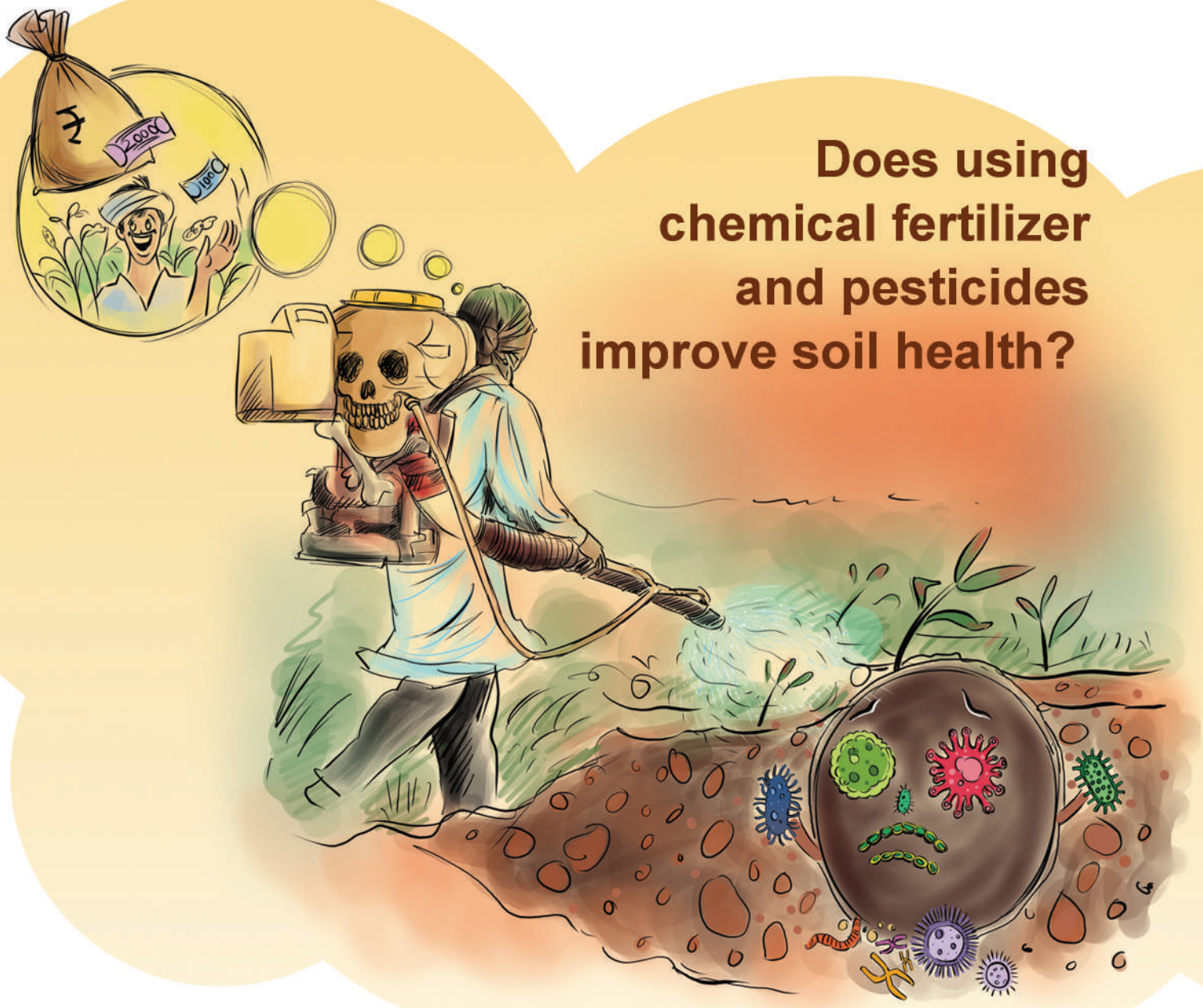
What is good for Soil Health?..



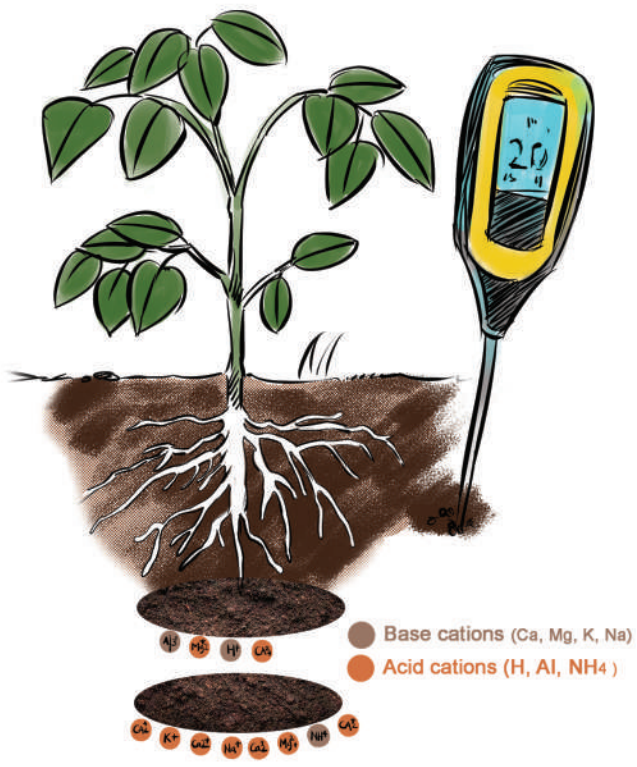
Why should we improve soil properties?

Improved Physical, chemical properties

Facilitates soil aeration
Enhances soil aggregation
Improves water holding capacity

Increase the soil organic carbon

Balances pH
Cation exchange



Improve the Biological activity

Encourages more 'life' in the soil
(with increased number of earthworms, microbes etc)
Improves soil biology
(Due to Bio inputs, Soil cover/ Multi cropping)

"Natural Farming starts with
Regenerating Life in the Soils"

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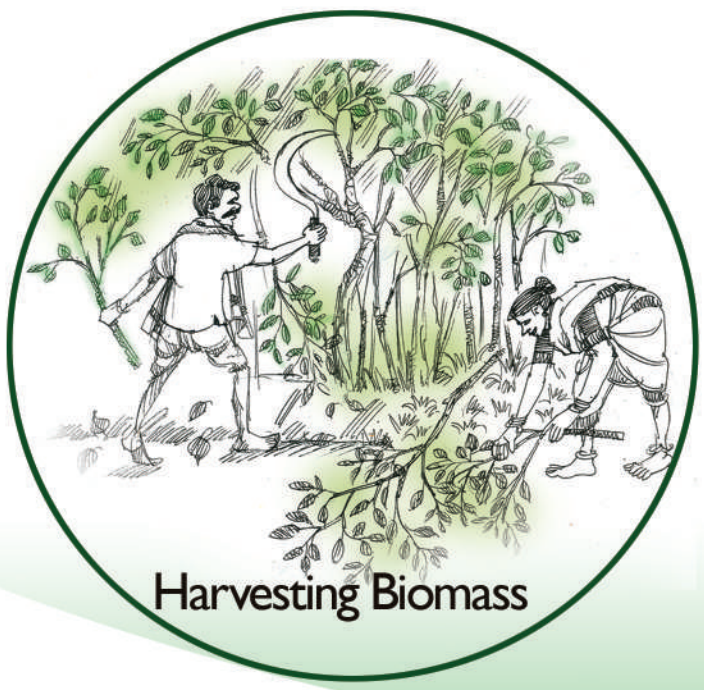
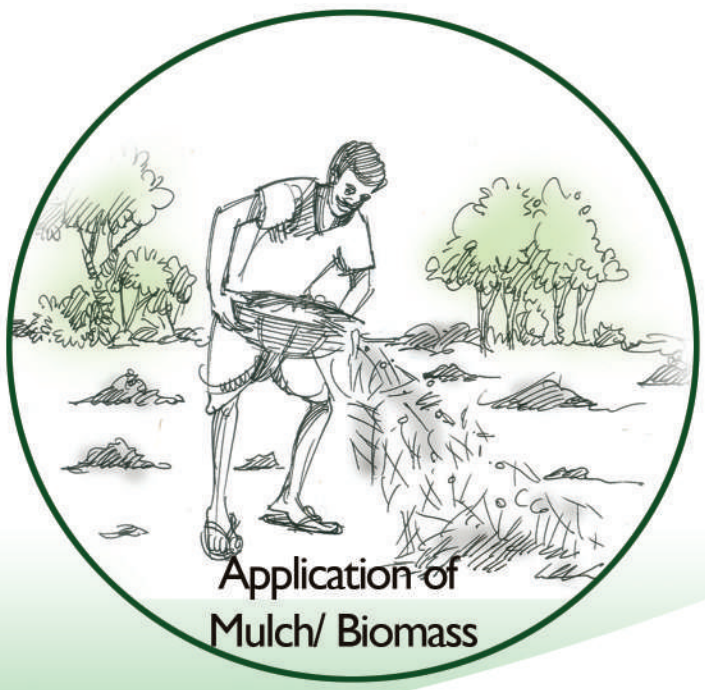
Enhancing Soil Health Through Innovative Practices

Cultivating Biomass on Bunds for On-Farm Use





Raising crops for In-situ application

Diverse Green Manuring Crops/ Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing

Covering the Soil with Mulch

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Measures to Improve Soil Health

Reducing Tillage

Managing Field Residues

Application of On - Farm Cow based Manures

Drava Jeevamrutham

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Cover the Soil with Diverse Crops & Trees

365 days

Healthy & Nutritious Food for Family

1/3rd feeds livestock

Multiple Benefits

1/3 rd goes into soil

Increased Net Income to Farmer

Farm Field is the best source for Organic Matter!

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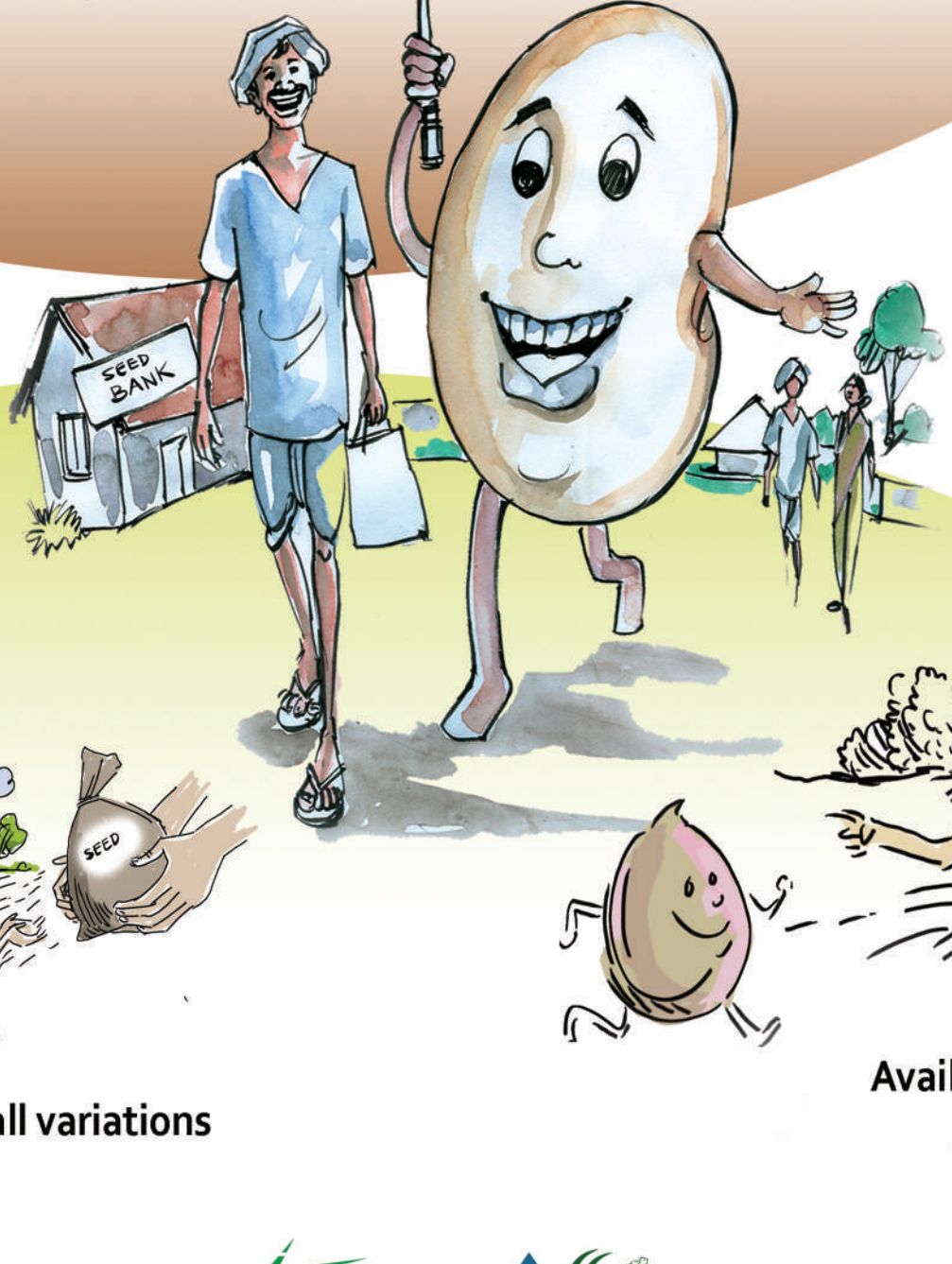
Diversified Crops need Diversified Seeds...

Why Struggle with Market Seed?

Use Local Seeds for Natural Resilience & Adaptability

Suitable to Local Soils

Suitable to Local Climate



Quality under farmer's control

Withstand rainfall variations

Availabilty in time

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Once Farmers used own Seeds...!
Why Can't Now?

Harvesting for seed

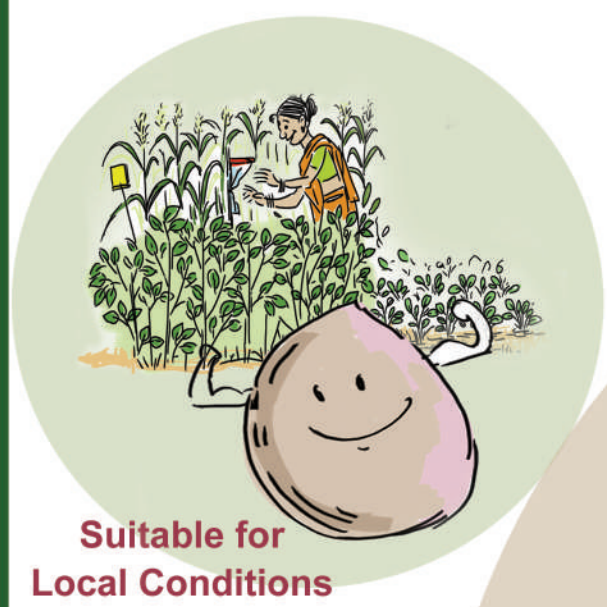
Suitable Varieties

Control over Production

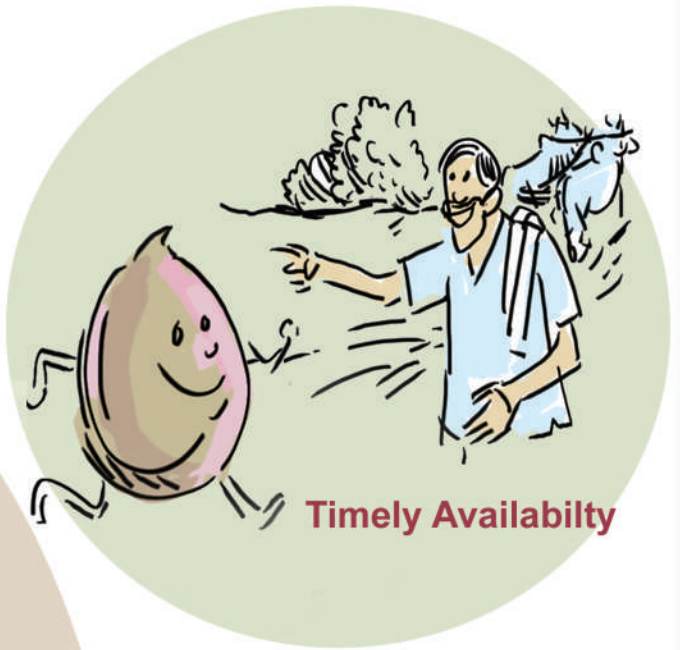
Multiple Varieities

Saving for Future Needs

Ensuring Farmer/Community Control over Seeds



Suitable for Local Conditions



Timely Availabilty

Sufficient Quantity

Assured Quality

Local Availability

Seeds for Diverse Crops

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Transition of Farmers from Conventional Practices to Natural Farming

3rd Year

Arranging Local seeds & analysing suitablity

Crop yield analysis

2nd Year

Arrangements for Cow urine/ Dung collection

Preparation of on field inputs

Confidence on all the NF practices - Seed to Seed (Jeevamrit, Mulching, Intercrops etc)

1st Year

Farmers try a few/all NF practices in some patch of their agricultural lands

Krishi Sakhi training farmers

Field visit Prakritik Kheti Paathshala

Farmers ready to try Natural Farming in Kitchen gardens for self-consumption

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Natural Pest Management

Pheromone trap

Light trap

Adult Stage

Trap crops

Neem concoction

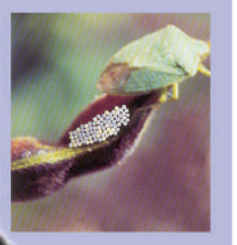
Stopping the Pests from laying eggs

Parasites on Pest Eggs

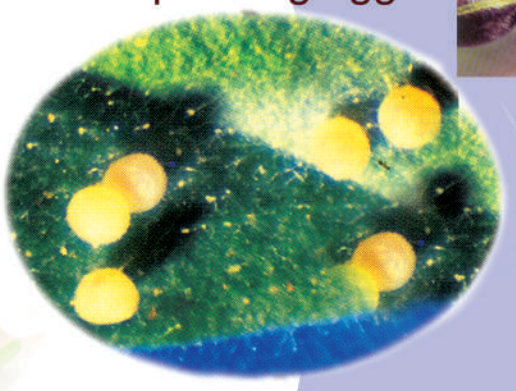
Summer Ploughing

Cleaning the field after crop harvest

Pupa



Hand picking and separating eggs



Egg

Stopping the incubation

Removal of eggs by hands

Shaking the Plants

Neem Concoction

Egg eating pests

Ladybug

Larva

Starving the Pests

Chilli + Garlic Concoction

Pest eating Pests

Predators (birds)

'Karre Pitta'

Cow Dung+
Cow Urine Solution

Neem Concoction

Wasp / Hornet

Mantis

NPV Solution

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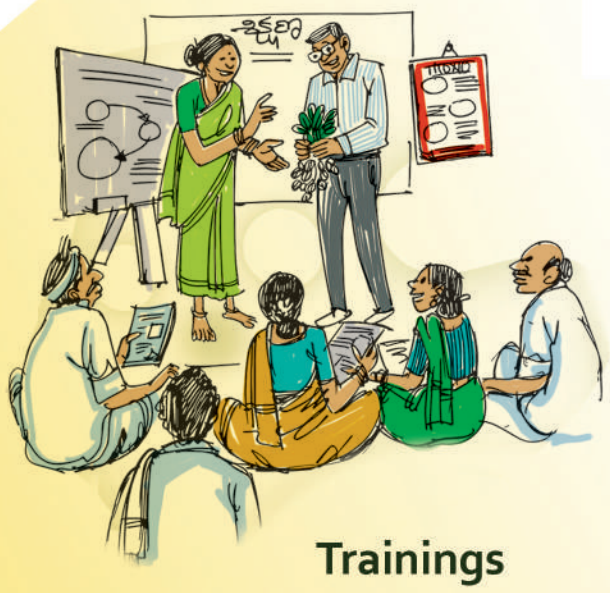
Key Strengths to Natural Farming

Farmers' Knowledge & Local Innovations

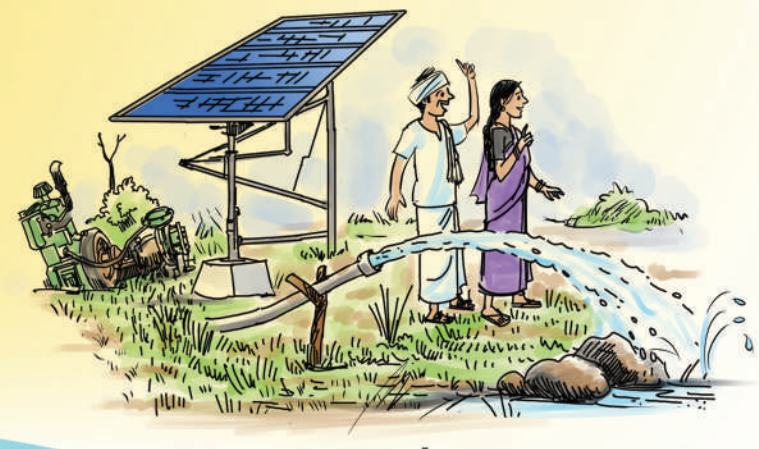
Field Demonstrations

Farmer to Farmer



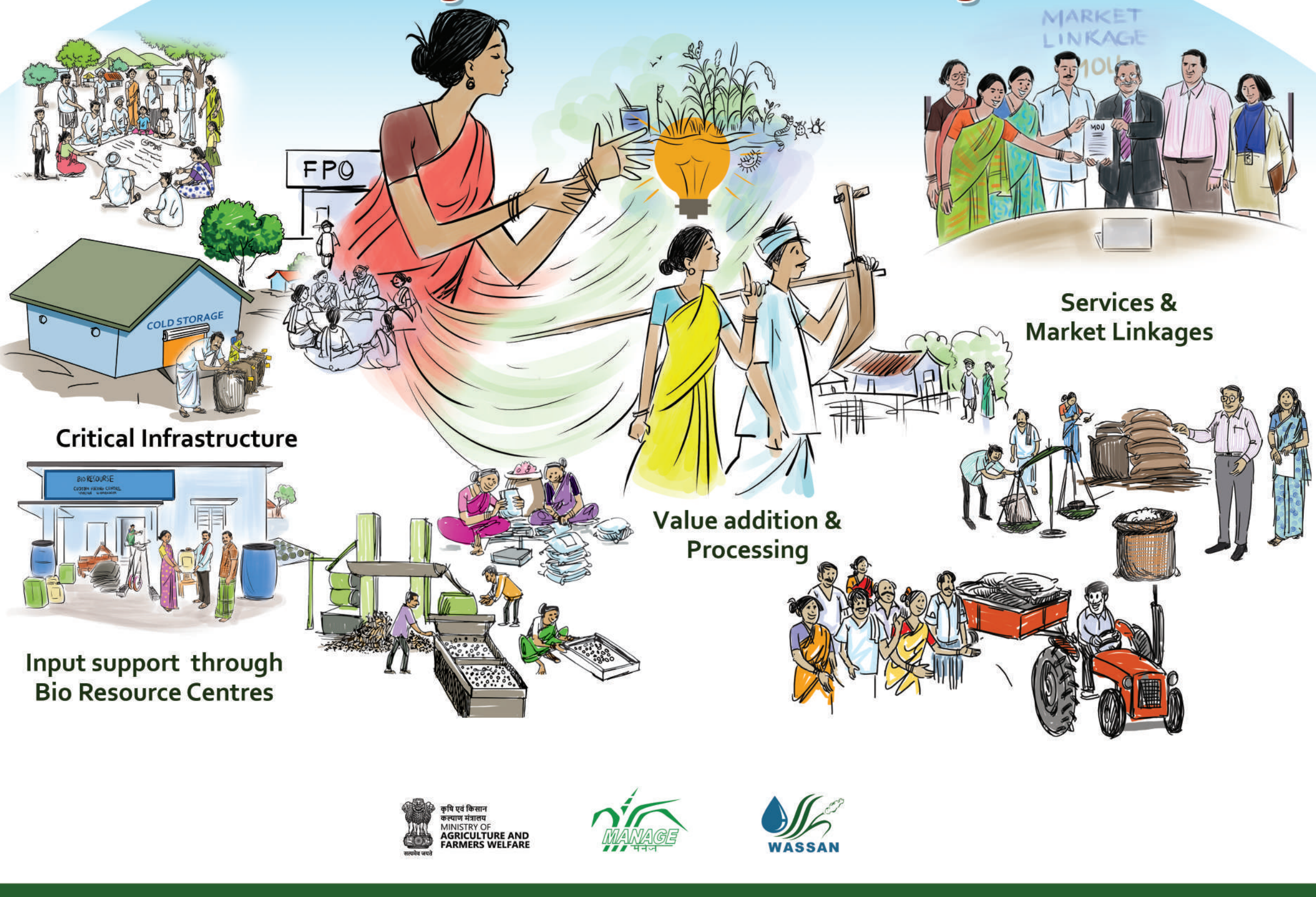
Trainings

Knowledge sharing



Innovations

Women Groups & FPOs
Driving Forces for Natural Farming



Critical Infrastructure

Services & Market Linkages

Value addition & Processing

Input support through Bio Resource Centres

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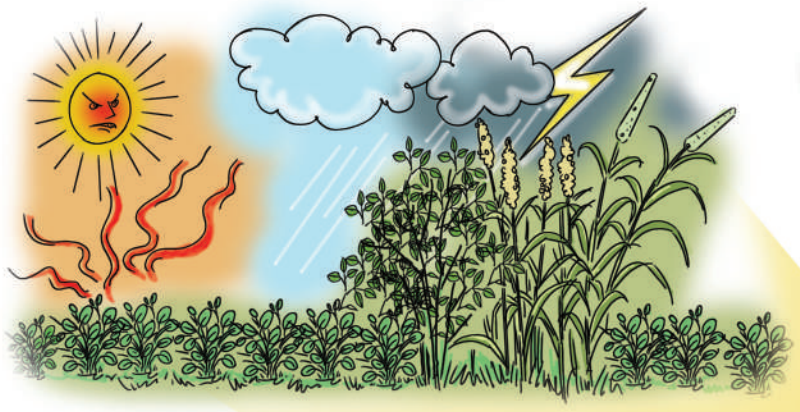
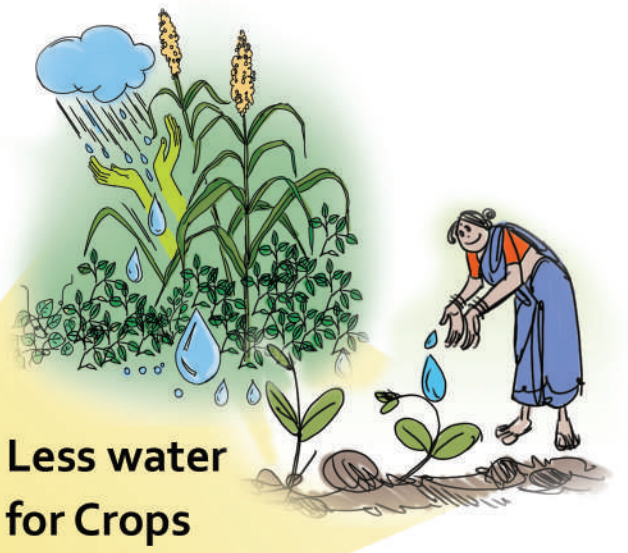
Prosperity with Ecological Security

Multiple Benefits with Natural Farming



Protection from Climate Risks

Rejuvenation of Farmlands



Less water for Crops

Healthy Soil
Healthy Food &
Healthy planet

Reduction in cultivation costs

Enhanced production

Fodder for our livestock

More income with multiple crops

Healthy food for family

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